



## The People<sup>1</sup>

	IA	U.S.
Number of residents	2,862,541	288,378,137
Number of children ages 0 through 4	183,179	20,267,176
Number of children ages 0 through 4 living below poverty level	31,605	4,242,948
Number of children ages 5 through 11	231,579	24,780,636
Number of families	790,132	74,341,149
Number of single-parent headed families	99,880	10,947,374
Number of families below poverty level	59,201	7,605,363
Number of families below 200% of poverty level <sup>2</sup>	171,000	20,152,000
Number of children under 18 below 200% of poverty level	211,000	28,539,000

## Children Under 6 with Parents in the Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	IA	U.S.
In two-parent families, both parents in labor force	103,024	8,430,167
In single-parent families, parent in the labor force	43,192	5,416,501
Total children under 6 needing child care, as parents work	146,216	13,846,668

## Women in the Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	IA	U.S.
With children under 6	108,258	9,001,384
Married with children under 18	205,676	16,132,802
Single with children under 18	62,330	6,705,437
Single living below poverty level with children under 5 <sup>3</sup>	14,601	1,745,163

## Child Care Costs, Family Incomes

	IA	U.S.
Average, annual fees paid for full-time center care <sup>4</sup> for an infant	\$6,860	\$4,388-\$14,647
Average, annual fees paid for full-time center care <sup>4</sup> for 4-year-old	\$5,513	\$3,794-\$10,920
Average, annual fees paid for full-time care for an infant in a family child-care home	\$5,412	\$4,128-\$9,508
Average, annual fees paid for full-time care for a 4-year-old in a family child-care home	\$5,005	\$3,536-\$9,002
Average, annual tuition and fees paid for state college <sup>5</sup>	\$5,900	\$5,836
Ratio of full-time infant care in a center: state college tuition and fees	1.2:1	0.7:1 – 4.5:1
Cost of full-time care for an infant in a center, as percent of median income for single parents <sup>6</sup>	31%	26%-65%
Median annual family income <sup>7</sup>	\$54,971	\$55,832
Median annual family income of families with children under 18	\$54,992	\$53,607

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, statistics in these sections are from the 2005 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

<sup>2</sup> Families and children below 200% of poverty level are estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, CPS 2006 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, available at [http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/pov/new46\\_001\\_185200.htm](http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/pov/new46_001_185200.htm).

<sup>3</sup> Includes all women, in and out of the labor force.

<sup>4</sup> These data are derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>5</sup> Average price of 2006-2007 tuition and fees for public four-year colleges by state, from the College Board, [Trends in College Pricing, 2006](http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/press/cost06/06-pricing_charts.xls).

<sup>6</sup> Cost of infant care in a center from CCR&R data. Median income for single female householder with children under 18 from 2005 American Community Survey, by state.

<sup>7</sup> From the 2005 American Community Survey.

## Child Care Fee Assistance<sup>8</sup>

	<b>IA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of families served	10,400	1,027,800
Number of children served	17,900	1,782,000
Number of child care providers participating	8,962	720,563
Percent of subsidized children cared for in licensed centers/homes	79.3%	73%
Percent of subsidized children cared for by relatives	3.7%	14%
Percent of subsidized children cared for in other non-regulated care	16.4%	11%

## Child Care Supply<sup>9</sup>

	<b>IA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of centers	925	110,600
Number of accredited child care centers <sup>10</sup>	289	11,552
Percent of child care centers that are accredited	31.2%	10%
Number of family child care homes	12,818	237,900
Number of accredited family child care homes <sup>11</sup>	9	2,106
Percent of family child care homes that are accredited	0.1%	0.9%
Total number of child care spaces	126,999	≈ 10,600,000
Percent of slots that are in child care centers	37%	≈ 69%
Percent of slots that are in family child care homes	45%	≈ 18%

## Child Care Demand<sup>12</sup>

	<b>IA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Percent requests for infant and toddler care	52%	47%
Percent requests for pre-school age care	31%	31%
Percent requests for school-age care	17%	22%
Percent requests for full-time care	76%	81%
Percent requests for part-time care	24%	19%
Percent requests for before and after-school care	3%	12%
Percent requests for non-traditional hour care	19%	27%

## Workforce and Training<sup>13</sup>

	<b>IA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of child care workers (excludes self-employed providers)	8120	557,680
Average income for full-time, year-round child care provider	\$16,110	\$18,180
Number of training sessions held by CCR&R agencies for providers	3,612	≈ 74,300
Average number of providers attending per training session	9	8 to 46
Total number of providers trained by CCR&R agencies	34,167	≈ 505,000

## Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies

	<b>IA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Number of CCR&R agencies	15	846
Type of State Network <sup>14</sup>	Voluntary	

<sup>8</sup> These statistics are provided by the Child Care Bureau ([http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf\\_data/05acf800/list.htm](http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/data/ccdf_data/05acf800/list.htm)), from 2005 Child Care Development Fund data, and are derived from monthly averages. Total number of child care providers includes paid relatives and other non-regulated caregivers.

<sup>9</sup> Data are provided by the State R&R Network and are derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>10</sup> The national number reflects the number of accredited programs as of February 2007, provided by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The state number was provided by the State Network and reflects accreditations in addition to NAEYC.

<sup>11</sup> The national number reflects the number of accredited programs as of December 2006, provided by the National Association for Family Child Care Centers. The state number was provided by the State R&R Network and reflects accreditations in addition to NAFCC.

<sup>12</sup> These data are derived from CCR&R data.

<sup>13</sup> Workforce data are derived from the 2005 Occupational Employment Statistics survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>); Training data are derived from CCR&R data.

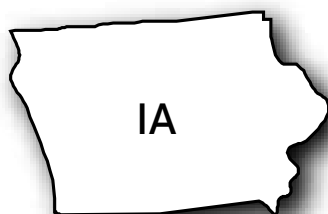
<sup>14</sup> Coordinating and Managing networks have staff and are funded to coordinate the work of local CCR&Rs. Single Entity CCR&Rs cover an entire state. Voluntary networks rely on volunteers, and operate with little or no public funding.

# State of Child Care Centers in Iowa

**Overall Score: 62/150**

**Rank\*: 37**

	Score	Rank
Standards	47/100	29
Oversight	15/50	40



## Child Care in Iowa

Child Care Centers	Capacity in Centers	Average Annual Cost
925	47,547	\$5,513 (preschool) \$6,860 (infant)

## Strengths

- Meets NAEYC's ratio requirements for 5 of the 7 age groups (6 weeks, 9 months, 18 months, 27 months, and 3 years).
- Center staff are required to have orientation training, and training in first aid, CPR, and on other health and safety issues.
- Requires program activities to address 5 of the 6 developmental areas -- social, language/literacy, cognitive/intellectual, emotional and cultural.
- Health and safety requirements address 7 of the 10 basic standards (immunization, guidance/discipline, fire drills, diapering and handwashing, placing baby on back to sleep, medicine administration, and emergency preparedness).

## Weaknesses

- Group size requirements are not in compliance with NAEYC standards for any age groups.
- Center directors are not even required to have an Associate's degree or CDA.
- Center teachers are not even required to have a high school diploma or GED before working with children.

Source: National Association for Regulatory Administration and the National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center. "The 2005 Child Care Licensing Study: Final Report." December, 2006.

Note, some information was double-checked against state regulations.

Source for price and supply: NACCRRRA, 2007.

Also, NAEYC Ratio and Group Size requirements are:

**Ratio: NAEYC Requirements:**

Birth-15 mos - 1:3-1:4

12-28 mos - 1:3-1:4

21-36 mos- 1:4-1:6

2-3 yr olds - 1:6-1:9

4 yr olds - 1:8-1:10

5 yr olds - 1:8-1:10

**Group Size: NAEYC Requirements:**

Birth-15 mos - 6-8

12-28 mos - 6-8











21-36 mos - 8-12

2-3 yr olds - 12-18






4 yr olds - 16-20

5 yr olds - 16-20

## Child Care Center Standards

Standards for Ranking	Meets Recommendation
1. Staff: child ratios in compliance with NAEYC * standards.	
2. Group size in compliance with NAEYC standards.	
3. Center directors required to have a Bachelor's degree or higher.	
4. Teachers required to have an Associate's degree in ECE** or related field or CDA credential.***	
5. Center staff required to have orientation training, and training in first aid, CPR, fire safety, and other health and safety issues.	
6. Require all teachers to have 24 hours or more of annual training per year.	
7. Require checks of criminal history, child abuse registry, state fingerprint, federal fingerprint, and sex offender registry.	
8. Require programs to address six developmental domains.****	
9. Require 10 basic standards of health and safety.*****	
10. Require parent involvement, communication and allow parental visits.	

## Child Care Center Oversight

Standards for Ranking	Meets Recommendation	State Activity
1. All centers and family child care homes are licensed.		All centers and family child care homes with 6 or more children
2. Monitoring visits of centers are conducted 4 times a year.		Once a year
3. Programs to licensing staff ratio does not exceed 50:1.		591:1
4. Licensing staff have a Bachelor's degree in a related field.		Bachelor's degree or more in any field
5. Online inspection and complaint reports are available to parents.		No reports available

### Key:



\*Out of 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Department of Defense.\* National Association for the Education of Young Children; \*\* Early Childhood Education; \*\*\* Child Development Associate credential; \*\*\*\* Six developmental domains are social, physical, language/literacy, cognitive/intellectual, emotional and cultural; \*\*\*\*\* Ten areas are immunizations, guidance/discipline regulations, diapering and handwashing, fire drills, medication administration, incident reporting, placing infants on backs to sleep, hazardous materials, playground surfaces under outdoor equipment and emergency preparedness.